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RAIN AND FOG TONIGHT AND SATURDAY; WARMER.

CHIEF KRUGER DIES LEADING MEN IN BIG NEW YORK FIRE

Scores of Firemen Overcome Saving Lives of Seven Comrades Who Sought to Rescue Croker's Deputy From Fumes in Flooded Pit into Which He Had Topped.

"GRAND OLD MAN OF DEPARTMENT" HAD BEGGED FOR DANGEROUS TASK THAT ENDED LONG CAREER

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—In an effort to lessen the peril in which his men were placed, Deputy Fire Chief Charles W. Kruger, "the grand old man of the department," lost his life in a burning factory building, 215 Canal street, today and seven firemen were only saved from death by the bravery of their fellows.

The fire had been brought partly under control, but in the rear of the building, which was almost inaccessible, the blaze still burned stubbornly. Chief Croker had warned his men to keep out of the building, which was an old one, and Kruger, with difficulty, obtained his permission to take seven men with him to try to find some way of getting at the fire with lines of hose from the rear.

While working his way cautiously through a cellar filled with smoke and gases, Kruger plunged through a trapdoor into a sub-basement filled with water and fumes from broken gaspipes.

Grabbed Driver's Leg. Hergenrother, the driver, who was at Kruger's heels, also slipped, partly through the opening. The chief, drowning in the sub-basement pit, grabbed the driver's leg and cried:

"Save me, Andy, save me. Stay there, and I will support myself by holding on to you."

Water which had been poured onto the fire filled the basement to a depth of six feet. Other firemen in the basement laid flat on their stomachs around the hole. But none could reach Kruger.

"Hold on, chief. The men are coming with ropes and ladders."

But the chief relaxed his grip and slipped back into the water, and his almost frantic driver tried to follow him.

When Battalion Chief Galvan, sprang into the sub-basement beside Kruger, he held to Hergenrother's leg. Then firemen got hold of Galvan and with great effort managed to lift him and Kruger out. All the time they were fighting off the effects of the gas fumes.

Croker's Frantic Grasp. When finally lifted out Kruger was unconscious. There may have been a spark of life left in his body, but that is doubtful. They carried him out to the street, where they took off their coats to make a bed for him. Doctors of the fire department and St. Vincent's Hospital went to work at once. Fire Chief Croker, who was a warm friend of Kruger, was almost frantic.

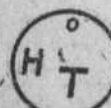
Fire Hero 36 Years. Kruger was 57 years old, and had been a member of the department for thirty-six years.

LastClew Now Given for \$20 Penny Which Is Yet Unfound.

THAT ONE-CENT piece worth \$20 in gold is still missing! Five clues have been given by THE EVENING STAR to its readers and yet in some accountable manner the mysterious and elusive penny still remains in circulation. The five letters marked on the coin having failed to aid in its discovery. THE EVENING STAR now supplies the sixth and final letter. It has given the position of the letters R, A, and S on head side of the copper piece, and of the letters H and O on the reverse side. Today it tells of the location of the letter T which is clearly marked near the bottom of the reverse side of the coin.

Thousands are searching for the penny, scores and scores have thought the coin was in their individual possession—only to be mistaken. Have YOU looked for it? If not, why not? But, of course, if a penny that is interchangeable at the offices of THE EVENING STAR for a shining golden eagle affords no interest to you, don't search for it. If you feel so inclined, you are one of a rapidly increasing minority in Newark.

The relative positions of the markings are displayed below:



Somewhere in Newark or its environs that missing penny is in circulation. Being a penny, it may have gone for the purchase of a comic valentine. It's a great joke on the buyer if that \$20 penny got away from him.

Vigilance May Mean a New Bonnet or Season Ball Ticket.

One Tip: Watch, Look, Search. Don't Let it Escape You!

SELLS HIS LAND FOR \$26,000 AND IS NOW MISSING

Farmer Has Not Been Seen for a Week—He Wrote Not to Worry.

GEORGE LENTZ'S FAMILY SEEKS NEWS OF HIM

North Arlington Truck Gardener Last Seen by His Son at Centre Market.

The mysterious absence of George Lentz, a prosperous, middle aged, truck gardener, of North Arlington, was made public today, after a search of nearly a week by relatives and friends to obtain some trace of him.

Several days ago, it is said, he received about \$26,000 for twenty-six acres of land, purchased by the Newark Catholic diocese, part of the 203-acre plot intended for a cemetery. The last seen of him by his family was last Friday at noon. At that time he bade his son, Frederick, good-by in the Centre Market, in this city, after they had disposed of a load of garden truck. He said that he was going to see a local real estate dealer.

He did not return that night. This worried his wife and family, and early the next morning they made inquiries of some of the neighbors. At noon Mrs. Lentz received a postal card from him, postmarked New York, upon which was written:

"I'm all right. Don't worry." On Wednesday it is said that she received a letter, also postmarked New York, written on a letter-head of a steamship company, advising her that he was going to parts unknown, and concluded with some advice regarding the disposition of some of the property. Mrs. Lentz is said to have consulted some of the neighbors for advice, at the same time feeling confident that he would return.

When the diocese purchased the land from Mr. Lentz it included the house, and it is said that he made an arrangement to buy the house back and have it moved across the road on a twenty-acre plot still left of his farm. To ascertain whether he had paid for the house, Borough Collector Frank Eckardt and John Patendort accompanied Mrs. Lentz to Jersey City, where they learned that the sale had not been consummated.

Mrs. Lentz, when seen today, expressed confidence in her husband to that extent that she believed he would return home.

"He has a good home here and good children," said she, "and there was not a happier family anywhere. He has suffered considerably lately with severe headaches, and in one of those spells he might have decided to go away for a rest, as he had talked of going to Florida for a few weeks."

Their son Fred told how he had accompanied his parent to this city and had observed nothing strange in his actions.

Mr. Lentz has resided in the borough for the past twelve years, and at the formation of the borough was elected councilman. He ran twice against Mayor George Bayless, but was defeated both times.

SEVEN ARE HURT WHEN CARS MEET IN A THICK FOG

Motorman Michael Egan's Injuries Will Probably Prove Fatal.

HACKENSACK, Feb. 14.—A head-on collision of two trolley cars here today caused severe injuries to six and perhaps fatal injuries to the motorman of one of the cars. The two cars met on the bridge of the New Jersey and New York Railroad.

The injured are: Michael Egan, motorman, of Hackensack; body crushed badly and both legs broken.

Fred Ritter, of Hackensack, cut by flying glass.

Falvalori Boni, head and face cut by glass.

John Kausholdt, of Lodi, face and body cut.

Thomas Russo, of Garfield, cut by glass.

John Marino, of Garfield, face and body cut and scratched.

—Saplin, motorman, knees injured, bruised.

The accident is supposed to have been the result of the fog obscuring the red signal, which should have held the car bound west for Newark. It met and telescoped with a fast-moving east-bound car on the bridge.

FORMER GOVERNOR VOORHEES INDICTED FOR PERJURY BY NEW YORK GRAND JURY



SNOW, ACCUSED OF \$154,000 SHORTAGE, ESCAPES THE POLICE

Former New York and New Jersey Telephone Treasurer Indicted on Specific Charge of Stealing \$30,000 From Company to Recoup Speculative Losses.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Henry S. Snow, who was forced to resign as treasurer of the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company because of alleged discrepancies of \$154,000 in his accounts with the company, the Grand Jury today indicted him for grand larceny. The police, who have had Mr. Snow under surveillance all this week, watched his home in Brooklyn all night to make sure that he did not disappear, but when they tried to serve a warrant today they learned he had not been home since yesterday afternoon. Detectives were sent to search for him.

The bench warrant was based on the allegation that \$30,000 worth of bonds, which he had purchased for the telephone company's sinking fund, are missing.

Friends to Rescue. Mr. Snow's friends are said to have promised to come to his aid and make good obligations said to have been incurred by speculating in Wall Street.

The statement that there is a discrepancy thus far shown of \$154,000 is said to have been made by James Robb, secretary to President U. N. Bethell.

Company's Statement. On behalf of the company this statement was made:

"Mr. Snow made use of stock which he certified as full paid for purposes of making loans. He had subscribed for this stock, but had not paid for it. By virtue of his place in the company he was able to arrange matters so the certificates made it appear that the stock had been paid up in full. On this stock he arranged and negotiated loans. The sum involved here is about \$120,000. "Some of the bonds purchased for this company by Mr. Snow for the sinking fund cannot be found where they should be. The sum of these is about thirty thousand dollars. There is no irregularity in the matter of outstanding bonds of the company. "It is impossible to say what action will be taken in the case after the audit, which is now going on, has been completed. The company has not yet come to a decision in the matter."

JERSEY COMMUTERS ARE DELAYED BY DENSE FOG.

Ferries Half an Hour or More Behind Schedule—Even Trains Held Up.

JERSEY CITY, Feb. 14.—Fog made the early Jersey commuters sigh this morning for the completion of the Hudson River tunnel, and the boring of additional tubes. The ferries, in many instances, were half an hour or more behind their schedules. It was the heaviest fog of the winter.

One Jersey Central ferryboat, leaving Jersey City at 7:10 o'clock, leaving reach Manhattan slip until 8 o'clock. There were cases of even greater delay than this, and travelers by the Erie, West Shore and Lackawanna were slow in getting to business.

Many of the early Jersey trains were delayed by heavy fog in the Hackensack meadows.

'I'M INNOCENT,' SAYS VOORHEES, INDICTED ON PERJURY CHARGE

Former Governor of New Jersey Emphatically Disclaims That He Certified Report of Bankers' Life Insurance Company With Knowledge of Wrongdoing or Intent to Deceive.

SAYS HE WILL APPEAR WITH BONDSMEN AND LAWYERS AND NOT AWAIT EXTRADITION

"I DISCLAIM all intention of wrongdoing or criminal intent and I shall welcome investigation of the charges against me to the fullest extent," declared former Governor Foster M. Voorhees today when asked for a statement in regard to his indictment by a New York city grand jury for perjury in connection with his administration as president of the Bankers' Life Insurance Company, of that city.

This statement was made in the former Governor's suite of law offices in the Union County Trust Company building at Elizabeth, of which institution he is a director.

WHITMORE MAY BE INDICTED TODAY FOR WIFE MURDER

The Grand Jury, Sitting in Jersey City, Hears Many Witnesses.

STRONG CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE, SAYS VICKERS

Prosecutor Declares Only Clearly Proven Alibi Will Save the Prisoner.

(Special to the Evening Star.) JERSEY CITY, Feb. 14.—The Grand Jury, now in session, is expected to return indictments today against Theodore Whitmore, whose wife, Helen, was found murdered in Lamplblack Swamp, near Harrison, December 26 last.

Chief of Police Michael Rodgers, Policeman Andrew Walsh, Town Clerk Edward P. Walsh and Police Judge Joseph M. Brangan, all of Harrison, were in Jersey City today to tell the grand jurors what they know of the case.

In all, fifteen witnesses received summonses to appear before the Grand Jury. Their testimony, Prosecutor Vickers declares, fixes the crime upon Whitmore so inevitably that the Grand Jury will have no alternative but to hold him for the murder of his wife.

"We do not intend to present all the evidence we have against the prisoner at this time," said the prosecutor, "but those witnesses who will appear before the Grand Jury will tell a story that cannot fail to result in Whitmore's being held for trial."

"The case as it will be presented is purely a circumstantial one. However, the chain of evidence will be so strong that Whitmore must prove a clear alibi to escape conviction."

The Grand Jury is to hear the stories of Detectives Roddy and Murray, of the Brooklyn Bureau; Mrs. George Dickinson, to whom it is alleged that Whitmore had been devoted for a long time prior to the tragic death of his wife; "Billy" Bartlett, alias Foster, alias Curtis, a Bowery character, who was taken into custody by the Harrison police after he had identified the body at the morgue; Lillie Heide, a friend of Mrs. Whitmore, who knew of frequent quarrels between the couple, and who had heard the accused threaten to kill his wife; Tony Crane, who discovered the body in the swamp, and a number of others, not excepting Miss Emma Feiber, who is expected to testify to the presence of the accused in Jersey at the time of the murder.

The friends of Mr. Voorhees today also deny any criminality on his part in connection with his administration as president of the Bankers' Life Insurance Company of New York. The indictment of Mr. Voorhees was by a special New York Grand Jury which has been investigating insurance companies.

Frank G. Combes, now of Philadelphia, former secretary of the insurance company, who was also indicted yesterday on a similar charge, has entered a denial of guilt.

The perjuries named in the indictment are alleged to have been committed in 1904, and the indictments are said to have been made upon information furnished by Otto Kelsey, superintendent of insurance of New York. This information is based upon a report submitted to the insurance department of the Empire State, sworn to by the president and secretary, which Kelsey claims to be an erroneous one. In that report no mention was made of dividends, amounting to \$20,000, which were due certain stockholders. Kelsey alleges this amount was due and should have been noted on the sworn statement.

The Armstrong legislative committee nuisance investigation in New York revealed the fact that the Bankers' Life Insurance Company was in bad shape. Kelsey alleges that he has information purporting to show that an impairment of the capital of the company had been concealed for several years by false entries made in the reports submitted to the State Insurance Department. The Grand Jury began its investigation.

WOMEN PREFER PRISON TO GOOD BEHAVIOR PLEDGE

London Suffragist Leader and Delegates Begin Six Weeks' Sentence.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Parkhurst, the well-known leader of the woman suffragists, and the other delegates of the organization, who were arrested yesterday when they attempted to make a demonstration in the House of Commons, all went to jail today for a term of six weeks rather than give sureties for their good behavior.